

THE EVENING STAR.

W. D. WALLACE, Editor and Proprietor.

WASHINGTON CITY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1864.

NOTICE.—The proprietors of the EVENING STAR and NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, compiled by the unprecedented rise in the cost of publishing newspapers, have to announce that on and after Monday next, the 15th of August, the charge for their journals served from their offices to subscribers will be 12 1/2 cents per week; to newsboys to sell again, and to persons served over their counters, three cents per copy. The cost of paper has increased 250 per cent since the commencement of the war, and all the other expenses of their offices have increased from one to three hundred per cent in the same time. In making this change of rates, we have but followed in the footsteps of nearly every other publisher in the country, and trust that the course of military events will soon enable us to return to the good old standard of prices that ruled before the war.

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FROM CITY POINT.

Further Particulars of the Great Explosion.

The steamer Keyport, with the army mail and passengers, arrived here this morning at 6 o'clock. She reports all quiet at the front yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the hour at which she left the Point.

The late explosion is the topic of conversation at City Point, and many absurd rumors are afloat as to the cause of the explosion, but there is no doubt that it was occasioned by the careless handling of some of the ammunition.

Fortmen are busily engaged in clearing up the debris of the exploded buildings, and lumber is being brought to replace the damage done the various offices and warehouses.

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Official War Bulletin.

The Explosion at City Point—126 Wounded and Killed—Deserters Report Mobile Captured—Continued Shelling of Atlanta—No Intelligence from Sheridan—All Quiet at Petersburg.

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Major Gen. Dix, New York.

A dispatch from General Grant, just received, reports the casualties by the explosion of the ammunition barge at City Point, on the 9th instant, as follows: Killed—twelve enlisted men, two citizens, employees; one citizen, not employed by Government, and thirty-eight colored laborers. Wounded—three commissioned officers, four enlisted men, fifteen citizen employees, and eighty-six colored laborers.

Besides these there were eighteen others wounded soldiers and citizens not belonging to the barge. The damage to property was large. It has not yet been ascertained. The names of the killed and wounded have not been reported to the Department. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, August 11—9:30 P. M.

To Major General Dix:

No further intelligence has been received from Mobile, except from deserters, who report the capture of the city, but nothing official.

General Sherman reports all well, and that he is knocking Atlanta with four-and-a-half inch shells.

No movement has been made by our forces in front of Petersburg.

General Sheridan has not been heard from to-day.

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THE ATTACK ON MOBILE.

Dauphin Island Occupied—Bombardment of the Rebel Forts.

The Richmond Enquirer of the 9th inst., contains the following dispatch:

"MOBILE, August 4.—Yesterday and last evening the enemy threw an infantry force upon Dauphin Island, several miles from Fort Gaines. The fleet outside is large this morning.

The Federal fleet, under the command of the transport Dick Keys, and then upon the fort, which is replying slowly. Gen. Manly called on all to enroll themselves for battle. Good confidence prevails. A Federal force, estimated at 16,000, occupies Holly Springs, Miss."

FROM THE SOUTH.

The Shelling of Petersburg—Serious Damage to Property—Houses Struck by Shells—Later from Atlanta—Heavy Assault by Union Troops, &c.

[From the Richmond Enquirer of Saturday.]

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